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HOW TO RECKON THE TITHE

Most of the questions on the subject of how to reckon the tenth part of our income will be easily settled if we keep in mind the idea of partnership. We are in partnership with the Lord in all activities of life. Rightfully the earth is His, the gold and silver are His, the cattle and beasts of the field are His, and we are His: bought with a price. But He takes us into partnership in the use of what is His own and graciously gives us nine-tenths of the proceeds as pay for our labor and management, and asks that we render to Him one-tenth in recognition of His ownership.

We put into the partnership our whole capital; all that we have accumulated of land, animals, implements, tools, cash, skill and experience. God puts into the partnership His right of ownership and supplies life, health, sunshine, rain and all other providential conditions. The firm pays certain expenses; in short, all that is put into the business, aside from above mentioned capital. Such expenses would naturally consist of hired help, artificial or commercial fertilizer, freight, express, postage, commissions and necessary travelling expenses in marketing the produce.

All these company expenses should be deducted from the gross income of the firm and the remainder, or net income, should be divided; one-tenth to the Lord for the gospel work and nine-tenths to the human partner for food, clothing, shelter and other comforts for himself and family, and such offerings and investments as he may choose.

It is no harder to divide the net income in this partnership than it would be if you had another man for a partner. A human partner, however, would call you to strict account at stated times of settlement and require that the books be audited. The Lord permits you to keep all the accounts, relying upon your honesty to render to Him His own holy tenth, and only calls you to final account once for all in the judgment. As manager, you decide when the product shall be sold, and the Lord receives His tenth as the money comes in.

A few examples will suffice to show how this works out in actual practice. Mr. A. has a half section of land, with equipment of animals and implements for grain farming. The seed is either some that is left over from last season and therefore belongs to the firm, having never been sold and tithed, or else it is purchased elsewhere. If the seed is purchased, it is company expense, and the price should be taken out of the gross receipts, together with other company expense, such as hired help, commercial fertilizer, if used, threshing, commission, storage and any other regular expenses of marketing the crop.

We will say, in this case, Mr. A. buys seed costing \$480, employs help costing \$400, pays \$1,200 for

threshing. He sells the crop for \$6,000, less the sum of the firm expenses, \$2,080, which leaves \$3,920 as the net income of partnership. One-tenth, or \$392, is the Lord's tithe and the remainder of \$3,528 is for Mr. A. (Figured on the basis of 1916 crop and prices.)

When the homestead or farm is sold, if the purchase price had not been tithed, the Lord should receive one-tenth of the whole. When the purchase price had already been tithed, only the increase over purchase price should be tithed.

Mr. B. owns a farm and does mixed farming. He raises grain and cattle. The pasture and grain are fed to the cattle and the income is from the sale of cattle and dairy products. The gross sales amount to \$800. He and his family have their living from the farm and have consumed, we will say \$300 worth of products belonging to the firm. God should have His one-tenth of the living. Jacob promised to pay tithe on his living; see Gen. 28: 20-22. The net income is \$800 plus \$300, making \$1,100; the tithe \$110.

Mr. C. has a store and stock of goods. He pays \$1,000 for labor; loses \$200 in bad accounts; pays \$50 for insurance; and sells goods on which he makes a gross profit of \$3,000. His net income is \$1,750, and tithe \$175.

The insurance may be a debatable question. I do not wish to violate any man's conscience, and each individual must settle the question for himself. If, however, the man has to borrow a part of his capital at the bank, he will be required to insure his stock, and I therefore introduce this item as a company expense whenever it is incurred.

Mr. C. works for a salary of \$18 per week. He pays 60c. a week carfare to and from his work. His net income is \$17.40. Tithe \$1.74 per week. This man pays tithe on his living. So should the farmer. In case the laborer has a garden or some chickens he should give the Lord the tenth of the income from these. It may have to be estimated, but be sure the Lord gets His share. Better too much than too little. The blessing of the Lord is a reality.

Mr. E. is in the poultry business. He does all the work himself, pays \$900 for feed, \$50 for crates, \$125 for freight, express, commission, postage and travelling expense in marketing his produce, which brings him \$2,000 for the year. The family consumes \$15 worth of eggs. His net income is \$940; his tithe \$94.

Mrs. F. is a housewife (husband not a Christian). He permits her to handle his money. Should she tithe it before paying household expenses? No, for it is part his money and unless he consents she should not tithe his money. Usually, if the matter is frankly talked over, the husband will recognize her right to a part of their income and permit her to tithe a stated

amount. Where he is too unfair to do this, she can only faithfully tithe that which she earns or saves individually. If she expects to win her husband she must be honest with him as well as with the Lord. Let me suggest, however, that many have testified that a \$5.50 pair of shoes, with the blessing of God, will last longer and give better satisfaction than a \$6.50 pair without it.

C. F. McVAGH.

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THE CAMP-MEETING AND CONFERENCE

The camp-meeting for this year will be the second of its kind since the writer came to British Columbia over seven years ago. There will be only one camp-meeting and that in conjunction with the Conference now appointed to be held bi-annually. The other meeting of this kind was held at Kamloops in the summer of 1912.

The meeting this year is expected to be larger for at least three reasons. The membership has increased since 1912. The point of location is in the sunny Southern Okanagan and can be conveniently reached both by boat and railroad. Then surely all our people in British Columbia sense the seriousness of the situation and feel the need of help such as can be gotten at a gathering of this kind. Heb. 10:25 has a special application at this time and the people who believe this Message will feel the need of "assembling ourselves together" from the fact that the Day of God seems to be so very near.

Just recently I visited a home where I heard the mother say, "We all expect to go to camp-meeting this year." They live over 200 miles from Penticton. We should plan early to come and if it does not seem clear, let us pray that the way may be opened for us to attend.

We are making application for convention rates and hope this year to get more than the 100 required certificates enabling us to return home free. We nearly reached the 100 mark last year at Kelowna, and that meeting was only local.

There will be good help at this conference, perhaps better than usual, for two reasons. The conference and camp-meeting are combined, and then it connects with the series of camp-meetings to be held in the West Canadian Union, and we will get the same help that attends all the others.

The elders of the churches should attend to the matter of getting delegates appointed and their credentials sent in to our Secretary, T. S. Bowett, in plenty of time.

Further announcements will be made before the conference convenes, but we hope our brethren and sisters throughout the Conference will plan to come to this meeting, which must surely be the most important ever yet held in the province.

J. G. WALKER.

GRAND FORKS

As the attention of the world is directed to the battlefield where the conflict waxes fiercest, and where the enemy is making superhuman efforts to make a gap in the ranks, so, I trust, may this report direct the interest and prayers of the *Tidings* family to this place, where the enemy is laying plans for a determined opposition to God's message.

It was not long after our arrival until we were impressed that God has a people here; and because of this we expected opposition, but we did not expect so prompt and organized an effort as we found to be rapidly developing. Even while we were distributing the announcements of our first meetings, we saw the ministers hurrying from house to house as though occupied with some important mission. Dodgers were scattered broadcast throughout the city, announcing a series of sermons in the Methodist church upon the inspiring topics, "Seventh-day Adventism," "Is Sunday-keeping the Mark of the Beast?" etc. But notwithstanding the fact that admonitions had been given from the pulpit not to attend our meetings, we had an attendance of about 125 at our first lecture. We secured the Empress Theatre, the only available hall in the city, at a rental of \$25 for the two meetings. The collections at the two lectures amounted to \$22.17. Each of the local papers gave a full column to the report, in which a good synopsis of the "Eastern Question," the subject presented, was given.

Never in our experience have we seen a greater interest than is manifested by those who have attended. Our time is nearly occupied with Bible work, even at this early stage of the effort. Individuals have come out to the street to meet us as we have been passing, to ask questions, and to arrange for Bible studies.

We request, as we stand face to face with the enemy's forces, that the united prayers of the *Tidings* family may ascend to heaven, that we may be given heavenly wisdom to present the message in such a way that God's people here may recognize it as His message, and that this opposition may only facilitate the discernment of truth.

C. E. and LAURA WOOD.

OBITUARY

LAMBERT—Ralph Hiram Lambert was born at Hill City, S. Dak., May 5th, 1893, and died at the home of his parents at Read Island, B.C., March 15th, 1917. Ralph was taught the Truth in his home during all of his life and at the age of 18 was baptised and became a member of the Seattle church. In the spring of 1911, while attending church school, the doctors gave him up to die with tuberculosis in both kidneys, but in answer to the earnest prayers of the elders, his life was spared and he became quite strong. Last February he was taken with an attack of Grippe and the old trouble came on him and he suffered much during his last illness, but bore it all with Christian patience and was ready to be laid away. He expressed a desire that the whole family should meet him at the resurrection of the just. The mourners are his father, J. H. Lambert, his mother and five brothers and sisters.

J. H. LAMBERT.

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THE PLACE OF EDUCATION IN THE GREAT CONTROVERSY

(Continued)

The education of Israel began with the child at his mother's knee. God's original design was that the parents should be the teachers of their children. Through the inability or unfaithfulness of the parents, other methods were made necessary; but even after the schools were established, we find the work of training the children for the first twelve or fifteen years left to the parents. The schools of the prophets, which were first known in the days of Samuel, were for the youth, and not for the children. It was not until much later in their history that schools were established to do the work which God had given to the parents.

In all of the schools of Israel the instruction was of such character as to develop faith in God and to train the youth to be missionaries. They were not taught the mysteries and intricacies of man-made theology and science. But they were taught something far more important—the mystery of Godliness and the science of salvation. The spiritual life was the first and uppermost interest. The mental was not neglected, for the "fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." Reading, writing and arithmetic, which we consider so essential in our day, were not overlooked. Enough of these were studied to enable them to meet all the demands of the period in such lines. The physical was made a very important part of their education, and the instructions of the Lord were explicit in regard to the observance of the laws of health. The physical training was practical, for each youth was expected to learn a trade which would support him. And in all lines of legitimate endeavor God intended that Israel should surpass the heathen. In learning, in science, in literature, in tilling the soil, and in many other lines of work the education given the Israelites would have fitted them to stand above the nations of the world. True education never weakens a man, but enables him to surpass in whatever line of work he is called to engage.

But Israel did not recognize the importance of these principles. Blinded by the glitter of worldly wisdom and man's theories, they turned to the foul water of Egypt and Assyria, and fell. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Hosea 4:6. Forsaking the pure streams that flowed from the throne of God, they partook of the corrupting influence of the philosophy of the heathen world, and soon the glory of God departed from them.

The full meaning of this exchange of educational systems cannot be fully understood unless we study carefully the religious life of the heathen nations, and that is too licentious and revolting for these pages. The worst of man's passions and his natural inclination to evil were exalted as the voice of divinity within him. The gods of the heathen were merely the deification

of these natural lusts and desires. Man was made a demi-god, with the power within himself to overcome the hindrances in his way, and through works to become a companion of the gods in the life to come. The same philosophies that in our day are sweeping thousands to ruin were the products of the brightest of the heathen minds. That they were heathen does not mean that they were ignorant or weak in mental power. Some of the giant intellects of the world have been among these false religious systems. And Israel was destroyed because they turned to these wise men of the world. "Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity, ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men." Hosea 10:13.

Many times in the history of Israel a reform was made and a period of prosperity followed. But each time the worldly wisdom was so enticing that the people soon fell back into the idolatry of the nations around them. And when the elders tried, after the Babylonian captivity, to build a wall around the law to keep out the world, they forgot that they were nothing but human; and the system they established rested upon their theories and ideals, which exalted self and placed human reason in the place of God. In trying to shut out the evil of the world they resorted to a dead formalism which left men without any salvation from the temptations from within. Nothing was gained by shutting out the streams of worldly wisdom and shutting man up in himself without the pure water of life to cleanse his heart. Only one remedy is possible to cure the results of sin in the heart, and that is the true education of heart and soul which flows from above.

Christ came to show men how to live. He made a reform in methods of teaching which turned the world upside down, speaking from a religious standpoint. He did not patronize the schools of the rabbis, for they were so filled with the traditions of men that he could not partake of their degrading influence. But by communion with nature and nature's God, and by a careful study of the revealed Word, he obtained that true education which has ever since given him the title of the Great Teacher. What he accomplished by compliance with the correct principles, any of His children may also accomplish. Not that they can do the work of Christ to the extent that He did, but that they may obtain a breadth of intellect and a profound knowledge of principles of eternal truth that will be far in advance of the wisdom gained by adherence to worldly methods.

(To be continued)

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WINNIPEG, ST. JAMES AND KILDONAN

The above title suggests the superlative degree, and expresses the extent to which the work is developed in this part of the Lord's harvest field.

In the city proper the meetings are exceptionally well attended, one noticeable feature being the number

of men present, indicating, no doubt, the awakening of that spirit of inquiry which has been aroused by the conditions existing in the world today.

At St. James we have a particularly difficult situation to meet. The activities of a sect known as the "Brethren," coupled with the indifference of the people, produces a condition of affairs perplexing and trying, but the Lord has called a few honest souls out of Babylon who are rejoicing in the Truth. This inspires us with the hope that there are still others who will come, so we press forward with every confidence in our Divine Leader.

We are just beginning the meetings in West Killonan. Apparently there is a good interest, which we are praying will continue until every precious grain is gathered into the granary of Heaven.

The Winnipeg church, standing solidly as it does, behind our workers, Elder and Sister Hansen, is giving of its means and time freely and wholly to the support of the work. We rejoice in a united church, an undefeated leader, and workers whose first thought is the great world work of giving the Truth to all peoples in this generation.

Our great need today is for Bible workers, and still more Bible workers. Who among Israel will answer this call from the Macedonian needs of Winnipeg and come over and help us?

To the stronger Conferences of Western Canada the Scripture says: "We who are strong should help those who are weak."

Remember us before the throne of mercy, that we may be used of God to draw others into this precious Truth, through the reflection of the spirit of Jesus.

J. M. HOGG.

WINNIPEG

Sabbath, March 31, I had the pleasure of speaking to the Winnipeg church. This service was well attended. We noticed a number of new faces, both in the Sabbath-school and in the service following, as a result of the labors of Elder and Mrs. Hansen. The ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated and nearly all took part. Plans are being made for a baptismal service in the near future.

Surely the time has fully come for Winnipeg to be thoroughly warned. Although Satan has worked in many ways to hinder the effort, the Word of the Lord is bound to triumph and the work is now started. Let all in the province remember to pray for this effort, as well as for the work in other places.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

"ALL NATIONS AT WAR"

This was the headline on the morning paper. And, as I looked at it, it startled me. Who knows but what we shall soon be in the last war of the world, known as the battle of Armageddon. Sometimes the conscience is eased by thinking of the great work yet to be done. There looks to be so much to be accomplished before Jesus comes, that we shall have a little time yet to take it easy, but, brethren, it is high time to awake out of sleep. We must arouse and do more to help others to see the Message. To save ourselves and others we must get to work.

The Signs of the Times is putting forth special effort to give its readers something that will warn them to get ready to meet Jesus. Here is an opportunity; take a club for distribution, also send in names of friends to whom you might wish it sent. Many are being quite successful in soliciting subscriptions. We can never know who will subscribe until we have tried them. Sometimes we get surprised.

This paper is bringing hundreds, yes, thousands of people to a knowledge of the Truth. Every one in Manitoba should have some part in this work. Send at least one paper to someone and I feel sure the most of us can do more; it may be our last chance, as everything in the world looks dark. Work while it is day, the night comes when no man can work.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

I have just been reading some "Messages to Young People," by Mrs. E. G. White, from which the following is a quotation:

"It is possible for every youth to gain spiritual strength. Those who endeavor to increase their strength will pass through severe struggles which will test their sincerity of purpose; but by remaining faithful they prove that their determination to do God's will is prompted by high and holy motives. In every sense of the word, such youth are able to be overcomers; for Christ overcame in their behalf. Having overcome, they are brought into alliance with divine, unfailing resources."

This paragraph is worth careful study for the encouragement there is in it. What a wonderful thought it is that Christ overcame in behalf of the youth, making it possible for them to be in alliance with the divine. With such an ally as our Savior, loving, powerful and trustworthy, it is truly possible to overcome the enemy and fulfil the Missionary Volunteer pledge, which is, "Loving the Lord Jesus, I promise to take an active part in the work of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society, doing what I can to help others and to finish the work of the gospel in all the world."

Remembering the pledge and the divine resources at command, it will not be difficult to reach Manitoba's goal for 1917:

Reporting members by December 31.....	66
Standard of Attainment Certificates issued..	6
Young people converted.....	13
Finished the Bible year.....	12
Reading Course Certificates.....	16
Money for Foreign Missions.....	\$140

Will any who have not reported for the past quarter please do so and oblige your secretary,

MRS. B. COWAN.

Elder Chapman spoke to the company at Grand View, Sunday night, April 1st. The room was completely filled with an appreciative audience. Elder Robb has a good work started at this place, which it is intended will be continued. The collection for the evening was \$3.75.

Elder Robb has joined Mrs. Robb in their visit to the States. We are glad to see these workers have this privilege, as they have been in this field six years and this is their first visit. Sister Robb expects also to receive some medical treatment while away.

Brother David Gulbrandson made a pleasant call at the

office on his way to Winnipegosis, where he expects to hold an effort in the Islandic language. He reports some new Sabbath-keepers at Gimli. He also stated that several times during the winter the thermometer registered as low as 70 degrees below zero at this place.

There is a great movement going on in the taking of clubs of the weekly "Signs of the Times" for missionary purposes, also in having single copies sent directly to friends and interested parties. We would like to see Manitoba fall in line with the other Conferences and join in this good work. Brethren, let us make haste to improve the opportunity of scattering the printed truth.

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THE RESULTS OF OUR WINTER'S WORK

Our earnest supporters of the cause in the Alberta Conference will be glad to hear some of the results of our winter's effort. We feel indeed sorry that we cannot give a better report; but we thank God for what we can support. Last fall and the first part of the winter our workers spent most of their time among our believers in the province, to encourage them for the winter's effort and strengthen them spiritually. In spite of the fact that we have but few workers in the field, we can give a fairly good report.

As far as I could keep record from the reports the workers sent in, we count about fifty new believers during the winter. We had only eight active workers in the field during the last winter. Among those were only two ordained ministers; one of them German and the other Swedish.

We were planning to have some Church Institutes in the Conference, but urgent calls which came in from all over the field interfered. Had we taken up the Institute work during the winter, we should have had to neglect these calls, and so it was thought better to keep our workers right in the field. Should our tithe payers in the Alberta Conference not see any new souls brought to Jesus, they might feel discouraged; and so it was decided to let the field work come first and at least some of the calls be attended to, that some new souls might be won for the Lord—and He has blessed us though our workers were so few.

Church Institutes are certainly one of the greatest helps for all our churches, but at the same time we must not let these take us away from the field too much, for we must always be trying to add new believers to our ranks.

If some of our churches would like to have a Church Institute for about three days after seeding time, I wish that they would let me know immediately, so that we can arrange our time accordingly. We will only favor those who send in their request. Those who are too busy to spend three days in an Institute after seeding time will kindly wait until next winter for their Church Institute, but at the same time we would like to know the feeling of the churches all over the province, if they think it would be a benefit to them to have this kind of an Institute during the year.

I hope our dear brethren will be free to express themselves, and invite us to provide for some kind of

Institute. By the time we could make the arrangements for some Institutes over the Conference, we might be able to secure one or two workers; and also we will have Dr. Bonde, and Mrs. Dr. Bonde in our midst by that time. I am not positively sure how much of their time we could secure, but I hope they can give us a day at least in each of our Institutes.

I hope all the brethren will pray for the blessing of God in this Conference. H. H. HUMANN.

OUR SABBATH-SCHOOLS

I am sure all our members of the Sabbath-school will be interested with the contents of the following letter that we have just received at the office:

"The report of the previous quarter is now ready to send in. I hope that it will be satisfactory.

"This is now work for me and I may have made some mistakes during the quarter concerning the work, but I have enjoyed it and I'm sure I have profited by the experience.

"The Sabbath-school is surely a place where the Lord loves to dwell when it is properly conducted. I have felt this to be true. It seems to bring souls in closer touch with one another and with God. I have gained many good experiences and hope that I may be more actively engaged in the Lord's vineyard in the near future."

MRS. M. H. CROTHERS.

ANOTHER LIVING TESTIMONY FOR OUR LITERATURE

Elder Johnson and I went from Falun to Brother Larson's, as quarterly meeting had been appointed there for Sabbath, the 24th.

We had a splendid meeting. The Spirit of God was present and convicted of sin; and blessing and joy was received by all. There were not as many present as we could have wished, but the circumstances are that the members live so far apart that it is difficult for all to meet at once. However, brethren, if we fully understood the times which are right ahead of us, and the variety of God's blessings we lose, nothing could hold us back from meeting together at the quarterly meeting, except sickness.

Brother Sanders, from Forsburg, was with us for the first time on such an occasion. Elder Johnson baptized him last summer. He rejoices in the new-found truth. This brother had never heard a sermon preached on any point of the third angel's message, but has read our books, so that he is well acquainted with every part of the message. He paid, at this time, something over \$80 in tithe. We feel to thank God, for there is "power in the gospel" to set men free and to obey God.

H. E. SHELSTAD.

CALGARY SABBATH-SCHOOL

At the beginning of this year, 1917, we set as our aim for Sabbath-school donations, during the first quarter, \$75. Although we have only a membership of 32, we are glad to report that the Lord has helped us to go beyond our aim. The donation for the quarter came up to the sum of \$101.39, being a gain of \$26.39. The amount was made up as follows: For the twelve Sabbaths, \$80.53; 13th Sabbath offering, \$13.71; offerings in birthday box, \$5.33; mission boxes, \$1.82.

This good report, we feel sure, gives us courage to

attempt greater things for the Lord during the remainder of the present year. What our aim will be for the second quarter will be determined next Sabbath. Let us all work to make the Sabbath-school a soul-winning agency the rest of the year.

On the Thirteenth Sabbath the young people and children of the Sabbath-school took up the program as outlined in the March number of the *Sabbath-school Worker*, entitled "Paul's Three Missionary Journeys." The program was carried through in a very creditable manner, and the recitations were truly appreciated by all who listened. We hope this will not be the last time we will have the pleasure of listening to these young people and the children.

MRS. M. H. CROTHERS,
Conference Secy. of Sabbath-School.

FUNERAL REPORT

Kristofa Larson, born February 21, 1891, in Raudeberg, Norway, and died March 26, 1917, aged 26 years, 1 month and 5 days. On April 23, 1913, she united in marriage to Mr. H. N. Larson, from College View, Neb. On March 21 she had an attack of appendicitis, which grew worse from hour to hour. At midnight she passed through an operation in one of the hospitals in Edmonton, and fell asleep on Monday, March 26. She leaves her husband and a little daughter and many friends to mourn her death, yet not without hope.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer on Wednesday, March 28, in the undertaker's parlor in Edmonton. May the hour of the resurrection soon come, where all the dead in Christ will be called to life, and death will be no more.

A. C. HARDER.

WHAT SHALL WE SAY?

From letters received and visits made among the churches and isolated believers we are much encouraged with the prospects that are in sight for a great home-missionary campaign this season.

Many have awakened to a sense of the responsibility that rests upon them, and are at work among their neighbors with tracts and papers and giving Bible studies by the fireside.

How can those who are not at work remain in idleness?

"My brethren and sisters, are you among those who, having eyes, see not, and having ears, hear not? Is it in vain that God has given you a knowledge of His will? Is it in vain that He has sent you warning after warning of the nearness of the end? . . . How, then, can you sit at ease, careless and indifferent?"—Vol. 9:27.

Listen to the call: "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression."—Isa. 58:1.

"Today a large part of those who compose our congregations are dead in trespasses and sins. They come and go like a door on its hinges. For years they have complacently listened to the most solemn soul-stirring truths, but they have not put them in practice. Therefore they are less and less sensible of the preciousness of truth."—Vol. 6:439.

"The churches should not feel jealous and neglected because they do not receive ministerial labor. They should themselves, rather, take up the burden and labor

most earnestly for souls."—Vol. 6:438.

"In view of what might be done if the church would meet its God-given responsibilities, will its members sleep on, or will they arouse to a sense of the honor conferred upon them through the merciful providence of God? . . . Let men see that we believe that we are on the borders of the eternal world."—Vol. 6:437.

"Those who have long known the truth need to seek the Lord most earnestly, that their hearts may be filled with a determination to work for their neighbors. My brethren and sisters, visit those who live near you, and by sympathy and kindness seek to reach their hearts."—Vol. 9:34.

"Preaching will not do the work that needs to be done. Angels of God attend you to the dwellings of those you visit. The work cannot be done by proxy. Money lent or given will not accomplish it. Sermons will not do it. By visiting the people, talking, praying, sympathizing with them, you will win hearts."—Vol. 9:37.

"What manner of entreaty can be brought to bear upon the idlers that will arouse them to go to work for the Master? What can we say to the slothful church member to make him realize the necessity of unearthing his talent and putting it out to the ex-changers? There will be no idlers or slothful ones inside the kingdom of heaven."—Vol. 6:434.

The future is a dark picture for those who know not the truth. Thousands have not yet bowed the knee to Baal. There is many a Nathaniel praying under a fig tree, if only there was a Philip to seek him and say, "We have found Him, of whom Moses in the law did write, Jesus of Nazareth."

Like the Ethiopian eunuch, there are many honest souls who believe the scriptures and are searching for light, longing for a Philip to assist them, saying "How can I (understand) except some man should guide me?"

With these stirring statements from the pen of God's servant, how can we expect the longsuffering of our Heavenly Father to bear with us more? This is one last call, dear brethren and sisters. Just a little time has been allowed us. What more can our loving Father do? Shall we not obey the call and save our own souls by saving others? R. P. MOONEY.

LETTER FROM COLLEGE PLACE

Greetings: Just a line to let you know that we are still *en terra firma*. We had a safe and pleasant journey to this place, after leaving our friends so unceremoniously. For a long time I had realized that my health was being undermined by some insidious parasite or disease which I thought was "catarrh". But I continued to procrastinate the attention I was assured I required. I disliked to leave my work, for one reason, and another, I dreaded an operation.

Immediately upon our arrival at College Place, I consulted with our Dr. Reith. He turned me over to a specialist, Dr. Bline, who, upon a thorough examination found a "school" of polypi or tumors at the back of my nose. Of course an operation was absolutely necessary, which was arranged for Thursday.

No one knows the odds against which I have labored, and I assure you that it is a great relief to have these conditions changed and to have the assurance of a

great improvement in my general health, as well as in my hearing.

I am sure my brethren and friends will all be glad to hear of my improvement. I am doing so nicely that I hope to be in the field with the "Message" to lost souls, in a few weeks or months at most. I can hardly take the time to rest.

We do not realize the value of perfect health and the full use of our faculties until they become impaired and we are about to lose them. I wish I might impress upon our youth the importance of carefully guarding their health, by making use of the knowledge and following the instructions given to us by revelation, which is such an indispensable asset to a successful career in life.

May God bless and prosper the work in Alberta, where I first learned to love this "Message"; and may He bless all His faithful workers that I hold so dear.

Please don't forget to pray that in some small corner, Brother Beane may find a humble place to labor with what strength he has, in carrying the warning message and the glad news of a soon coming Saviour till He shall say, "'Tis enough; well done".

In loving remembrance,

J. L. BEANE.

WHAT WILL THIS MOST IMPORTANT SEASON BRING?

We have come to the season of the year when we look forward to the prospects for book work and wonder what we will be able to accomplish this season.

Surely the need, in view of the time and intensity that is taking hold of every element in nature and in the affairs of men and nations, should arouse us to earnest action. And these very conditions furnish us opportunities to introduce our work that will make for our success.

As to prospects for workers, we have a number of men in each province of a more mature class who are willing to take up the colporteur calling as a permanent work. This is very encouraging and shows the Spirit of God has been at work and that hearts have responded to the call. But we believe others should join our ranks and help us in this great work of going into the by-ways and high-ways to search out the honest-hearted men and women who want to get closer to the Lord and know more of His plans and purposes for His children.

A great and good work can be done by this class of workers and the Lord has told us that many can be reached in this way that can never be reached in any other way.

While we have these favorable times, brethren, let us spring into action and do everything possible to get the message before the people while probation lingers.

As to our student outlook, will say that the situation is very promising and a larger force than we had last year will enter the field. Both Lacombe and Battleford promise us a goodly number, with a few from Grand View, B.C., and Walla Walla, Washington. We should do a good strong work this season. Last year forty-one colporteurs took \$31,000 worth of orders, with the best delivery we ever had taken as a whole.

Now, brethren, if we make our goal of \$50,000 set by the Union committee, at the ratio of \$756.00 per

worker, we must have sixty-eight colporteurs, or each person must sell more books.

So, brethren, let us rally to the call for service, and each do his very best.

W. L. MANFULL.

WHERE FAMINE AND DEATH CLASP HANDS

A harrowing tale that reveals the actual conditions of non-combatants and children in Belgium, Poland, Serbia and Armenia. Think of parents putting their children to death to save them from starvation! Think of famine victims eating grass and killing and eating dogs raw; of committing suicide to relieve their torture of mind and body! The writer asks, "What does it mean?" and answers his question in a manner that leaves no room for doubt. You will be pleased with the May *Signs* magazine. Do your "bit" with it.

THE "SIGNS" WEEKLY CAMPAIGN

The campaign in the interest of the missionary paper, the *Signs of the Times* weekly, has had considerable momentum the past few weeks. The publishers state that in an incredibly short time the list went up to 40,000. Just now is the time to place this mighty soul-winner in the homes of the people. Its weekly visits are bound to have effect on the readers.

THE "SIGNS" CHANGED HIS MIND

A few years ago one of our brethren was told by his neighbor that he did not know anything about the coming of the Lord, and that he did not want to know.

A few days ago this brother visited his old neighborhood and called on this former friend. The neighbor informed our brother that someone had been sending him the *Signs* of late, and that he is convinced that we are right in the matter of present conditions being the fulfillment of prophecy.

BRAINSTORMS AND HEALTH

The wonderful success of Christian Scientists is due to the fact that about four-fifths of the diseases known to civilized peoples have their origin in the mind. Who has not heard of, or perhaps seen, the physical effects of anger, hate, fear, joy, sorrow, love, etc.? Dr. Thomson gives some valuable advice in this article. It will be worth dollars to someone who will pay but ten cents for a copy of the May *Signs* magazine. Bear this issue in mind when considering the needs of your neighbor.

IS THE WORLD PLUNGING INTO BANKRUPTCY?

An address by one of our leading city evangelists at a "peace" banquet in New York, which was attended by such prominent men as Mr. Hamilton Holt (editor), Mr. Henry Clews (banker), and Dr. Cornelius Woelfkin (Rockefeller's pastor). He must have made quite an impression, for among other things he said, "If this world goes into bankruptcy, the God of Heaven will have to take it over." Such texts as Luke 21:25, 26 were alluded to in his speech, which by request has been reproduced in the May *Signs* magazine. This is one of about ten good reasons why your neighbor should have a chance to buy a copy.

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GREATER EARNESTNESS OUR NEED

If the church is ever stirred up to greater earnestness it will be through the greater earnestness of its individual members. There is a fatal propensity to get rid of individual responsibility and to think of the responsibility of the body. In reality, there is no such thing as a collective conscience; bodies, as such, cannot be accountable. God will not, as regards eternity, deal with nations or churches, or families.

It was a fine purpose of an earnest worker which he thus entered in his diary: "Resolved, that I will, the Lord being my helper, think, speak, act as an individual; for as such I must die, stand before God and be damned or saved forever. I have been waiting for others; I must act as if I were the only one to act, and wait no longer." This is just the view and the purpose to be taken by us all.

It is as individuals we must act for ourselves, and he who acts for himself in this matter will certainly influence others. Every man acts upon some other man. "Example is influence." The diffusion of the Message is like the kindling of a fire, or the lighting of so many torches; one original flame may, by contact, communicate itself to a multitude of other points.

"If the church is ever made more earnest, it must be by an increased earnestness in its individual members. I am one of these members, and am as much bound to advance in the divine life as any other member. It is but hypocrisy, gross hypocrisy, to lament over the low state of religion in the church, and to desire a revival, while I am not deeply concerned about the state of my own religion, and do not seek a revival of that. I will begin with myself. I will wait for no other. I must be more in earnest, and, God helping me, I will be."

Let us reject excuses which our own deceitful hearts, and lukewarm, self-centered members, will be ever ready to suggest, for self-defence, and be thoroughly convinced that nothing can, or will, be admitted by God as an apology for a low standard of personal religion. Let us set ourselves vigorously to the work of denying the flesh, watching against sin. Let us plan to give more time to the study of the Scriptures, to meditation and prayer. Let us, in short, intelligently, resolutely and unalterably make up our minds to enter

upon a new course of personal godliness, so new that past attainments shall seem as if they were nothing.

There is such a thing as starting afresh, as forgetting the things that are behind—and so must it be with him who would really be in earnest. He will wake up from his slumbering, dreamy profession, saying, "I have slept too long and too much; I must now throw off the spirit of sloth and give all diligence to make my calling and election sure." When the spirit of hesitation gives place to the spirit of readiness we shall see greater things accomplished for the cause we love. "Then the work will move forward with solidity and redoubled strength." God has better things in store for us if we will but have them. Let us only be in earnest in prayer, in faith, in labor, and in hope, and who can tell the day of awakening, of blessing, is near? May God help us to be in earnest about delivering His message to those about us during the present year, attempting greater things for Him and expecting greater things from Him.

ERNEST LLOYD.

WHY EAT MEAT?

Have you ever desired literature in a convenient form to hand to someone which would tell clearly and concisely our views upon vegetarianism? Such a document will be found in *May Life and Health*.

This number of *Life and Health* not only presents the reasons favoring vegetarianism, but it also tells the reader what foods are best adapted to give adequate nutrition to the system, and gives suggestions as to what selections to make for a well-balanced bill of fare.

The truths in this number of *Life and Health* are essential for all. The publication of a number dealing with this question is timely, because many people who are grappling with the high-cost-of-living problem would welcome a publication of this kind, which not only shows the better way of living, but the more economical one. Will you be one who helps bring this light to "the other man"? A single copy costs 10 cents. Rates in bulk:

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